**Emotional Literacy Support Assistant**

**(ELSA)**

If you have a passion for working with vulnerable young people to help achieve their potential, we have the job for you.

We are seeking to appoint an exceptional, altruistic Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) to work alongside the teachers to plan and deliver a range of individualised programmes to support children to develop their emotional literacy. Our most vulnerable children need champions who will try to understand their challenges and then work with integrity to best support their needs.

We are looking for someone who has:

* A good knowledge and understanding of social, emotional & mental health needs and cognitive needs, that affect children’s development
* Excellent listening skills
* An ability to work independently, show initiative and stay calm under pressure
* An ability to build strong, trusting relationships
* Resilient and able to take regular responsibility for agreed learning/activities
* Skills which promote and support the inclusion of all pupils in their learning and social skills activities
* Positive and personalised anxiety management strategies
* Strong emotional resilience

We will offer:

* A competitive salary
* A team of supportive staff
* Continued CPD program

Hours: 12:00 – 4:00 (20 hours per week term time only) including INSET Days.

Pay scale: Surrey Pay 4 (currently FTE £19422) pro-rata

Application forms available from the school office and the vacancy can also be viewed on Eteach: <https://www.eteach.com/schools/horley-infant-school-7896>. Applications should be returned with a covering letter to:

Mrs Shazia Anjum

Horley Infant School

Lumley Road

Horley

Surrey RH6 7JF

or via email to [admin@horley.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@horley.surrey.sch.uk)

Closing date: Thursday 7th July (12pm)

Interview date: Wednesday 13th July

Start date: 1st September 2022

We suggest that potential candidates take a look at our website to get a feel for our school and then get in touch via telephone or email if you have any questions. A school visit/tour is also encouraged. If you would like to take a tour, please contact the school office.

Horley Infant School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to an Enhanced Disclosure and Barring service check and two satisfactory references.